

SPRAGUE ELECTRIC

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Sprague Bowling League In Whirl Wind Finish

Holland School Children Grateful For Sprague Employee Contributions

The following extracts from letters received from our "adopted" school in Rhenen, Holland, make us realize that our donations have more than brought pleasure and encouragement to children in that devastated section. And we are impressed with their courage to "carry on", their gratitude, and their friendliness toward America.

Headmaster Herr Koekman Writes:
Dear American Friends:

Last week, we were made glad with four special gifts from our sponsors, the one was the third carton you sent us in December, for in it were a soccer football, rubber balls, boxes of lead pencils, 12 blocknotes, and 3 packs of writing paper. Then we received two boxes of clothes and shoes, and one carton with clothes. All the teachers came to my house to open the boxes and to divide the clothing. We had made lots for the boys and girls, so they had to choose in order of their number.

We are glad the winter is passed—we still have school for only two hours a day, because it is too cold for the pupils as there is nothing to warm the school. I hope you receive still more thankful letters, but I thank you from all the boys and girls of our school.

From Dirkje v.d. Scheur

Dear Mrs. Mary Mathews

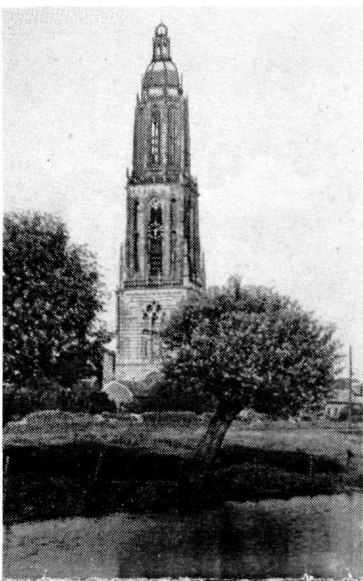
I want to write you a letter for I have got so much that I feel obliged to thank you for all the gifts you have sent. I hope you will thank the employees of the Sprague Electric Company for me.

It will not be easy to write a English letter, for I have never done it. At school we have had English for two years, but many mistakes will be in this letter and I hope you forgive me.

I should like to write with a girl or a boy for I will know more from North Adams and America. The best wishes for you and the employees.

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Holland Scene



A view of Rhenen, Holland -- before the Nazis invaded the country. Many such landmarks were destroyed.

Selkars - Top Honors Tolmie Bags High Individual Average Sweeney Chops Off Log Prize Prokars Nip Second Place

The best bowling season in Sprague Electric athletic events wound up Thursday night when the Selkars were proclaimed top team of the year with 56 points won and 34 lost. Runners up in this neck and neck contest were the Ceroes with 51 points won and 39 lost.

The 1946-47 season has been marked by unusually good team attendance and by a grand spirit of competition and good fellowship. Complete scores for the season will be published next issue.

LOG PRIZE WINNERS IN BOWLING CONTEST

Grand Prize Winner -- Clinton Sweeney
with 24 Strikes

TEAM PRIZE WINNERS

	Strikes
Selkars—J. Tolmie.....	21
Prokars—T. Woloski.....	21
Atoms—G. Forgea.....	20
Midgets—P. Krzeminski.....	18
Ceroes — {D. Remillard }.....	15
{N. Richardello }.....	15
Koolohms—{J. Spagnola }.....	10
{L. Vincelette }.....	10

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Sprague Sponsored Berkshire Community Orchestra Plays To Responsive Audience



The Berkshire Community Orchestra of over sixty members, as they appeared on the stage of the Drury Auditorium, April 21, in their Spring Concert.

—Concert Photos by Al Horsfall

New Recording Device To Replace Present Phonograph - Predicts Leon Podolsky - -

In an address before the Rotary Club of North Adams, Mr. Leon Podolsky, Chief Field Engineer of the Sprague Electric Company, told of the possibilities of recording sound through a tape recording device.

Ever since Edison discovered that sound could be recorded on wax disks, engineers have worked on ways to improve such recordings. A device developed by the armed forces during the war used recordings on wire by means of magnetism to relate experiences of the air crews during bombings. Later, American engineers found that the Germans had developed a tape record-

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GE Head Started Career With Frank J. Sprague

Charles E. Wilson, President of the giant General Electric Company, was thirteen years old when he started his career in the field of electricity as an office boy in the old Sprague Electric Company headed by Frank J. Sprague. Mr. Sprague was known as "the father of electric traction railways" in this country.

In 1892, the General Electric Company was organized by a consolidation of the Edison General Electric Com-

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The Berkshire Community Orchestra presented its second concert of the season at Drury Auditorium, April 21, before an appreciative audience of nearly 800 persons. The first concert, under the same capable leadership of Joaquin Nin-Culmell, Associate Professor of music at Williams College, was given early this winter at Chapin Hall in Williamstown.

Both concerts were well received, and as in the case of the second concert, many remarked that they wished the concert had been longer. Such comments testify to two things: fine musicianship and a wise choice of program.

Program Well Chosen

The program was indeed well chosen and thoughtfully arranged, opening with Mozart's Symphony No. 24, and completing the first half of the program with the "Unfinished" Symphony in B Minor by Schubert. The second portion was devoted to Bizet's L'Arlesienne Suite at the close of which the conductor was repeatedly called back by the persistent applause of the audience which demanded more. All too often, in a performance of this type, a director will attempt to force upon his audience some arty and tedious music. Mr. Nin-Culmell avoided this error altogether, and bore in mind that first of all, an audience must be entertained.

It is indeed unusual for a community of the size of North Adams to have so fine an orchestra. The

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ORCHESTRA PRINCIPALS OF VARIOUS SECTIONS



The principals of the various sections of the Berkshire Community Orchestra: Edward Lamont, oboe; Barbara Earle, harp; Douglas Royal, flute; Angelo Dante, Principal second violin; H. Bradford Cole, bass; Myrtle Young, Concert mistress; Jay Rosenfeld, viola; J. Nin-Culmell, director; Harold Currier, bassoon; Walter Powell, french horn; Tulio Gottardi, trombone; William Kingman, cello; George Fulginiti, clarinet; and Darcy Davis, trumpet.

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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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"Highs" For 1946-47 Bowling Season

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High Team Triple—Selkars	1515
High Team Single—Midgets	525
High Individual Average—J. Tolmie	97.8
High Individual Triple—R. Drobiak	344
High Individual Single—G. Forgea	144

FROM CANDLE PINS TO DIAMONDS

The wind-up of the Bowling League last Thursday with the banquet and prize awards Tuesday the 29th all remind us that the winter sports season is over. Tall fishing stories and photos have begun to arrive at the LOG desk and the records are being kept for the LOG "Big Fish" prizes.

With baseball now the sports topic from coast to coast we urge all ball players and fans to support the plan for stepping up athletic programs and facilities at Sprague Electric. You can support them by your attendance and by coming out for the base ball and soft ball teams. Also, let's turn out for the meetings held to discuss the improvement and growth of all Sprague Electric athletics and recreation.

Electricity Introduced To Gobi Desert People Of Pre-Wheelbarrow Civilization

The Gobi desert people have been introduced to American customs and electricity. The scene of this innovation is the sleepy, poverty-stricken oasis town of Sandam, 2,000 miles west of Shaghai, in China. It was chosen as an experimental center for the development of small-scale industry in China's most neglected and forgotten area, and is part of an American supported project to raise the living standards of the people and to stimulate industry and a wider interchange of goods beneficial to both the United States and China.

Entranced By Lights

For electricity's debut in this community, a play was staged by the boys who are being trained in American methods, and hundreds of the inhabitants were invited to attend. Strangely enough, they were not so much interested in the play, as they were entranced by the gleaming electric light bulbs, the whirring of electric

motors and other strange mechanical equipment they had never seen before!

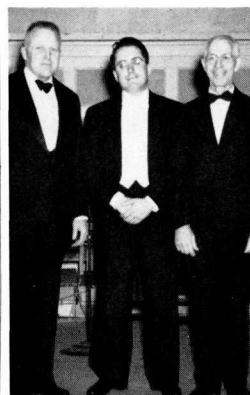
Attend Editorial Conference

Your managing editor, E. Fairchild, attended the New England Editors' Conference in Boston, April 16. This conference was sponsored by the Massachusetts Industrial Editors' Association and was attended by the Association from Connecticut.

A highlight of the occasion was an address by Max Grossman, who was on the staff of the U. S. Army University Center at Biarritz, France, and later staff editor of Stars and Stripes in Berlin during the American occupation period.

Ken Tuttle from New Britain, Connecticut presented his ideas on trends in Industrial journalism, and Harold McMennamin, one of the outstanding authorities on typography, demonstrated the effective use of type faces for the printed page.

Thanks To These Men . . .



Through the untiring efforts of Manager-Secretary H. Barschdorf, Director J. Nin-Culmell, and Treasurer F. Gordon (as well as individual efforts of all members), the Berkshire Community Orchestra presented an exceedingly fine performance April 21.

Orchestra Well Received

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territory covered, however, is much wider than the city or even this county. The players come from North Adams, Pittsfield, Williamstown, Adams, and places as far away as Lenox, Westfield, Cambridge, N. Y. and White River Junction. The players deserve a great deal of credit, for, during the long winter months they have faithfully attended rehearsals, despite heavy snows and adverse traveling conditions. Their efforts have brought results in this well finished presentation. Many of the members themselves are outstanding musicians.

And indeed, their professional training was noticeable in this Spring Concert. Their stage appearance and stage performance were perfect, while the effect of the ladies gowned in black as well as the men in full dress, added a note of unity and dignity to their beautifully presented performance.

Already rehearsals are underway for the next concert. Harry Barschdorf showed us some of the numbers in the orchestra library which are now being considered. It will be something to which the community can look forward.

New Recording Device Predicted

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ing machine that far surpassed American wire recording machines, Mr. Podolsky explained. It was an American made machine, similar to the German invention, which Mr. Podolsky demonstrated in his talk. He predicted that within a few years, wire or paper tape recording machines will replace present-day phonographs in the home.

Mr. Podolsky presented this demonstration before the Rotarians on April 21, and added an explanation of the mechanism of hearing, and the fundamental requirements for high quality recording or reproduction of speech and music.

Engagements . .

Miss Nellie Veronica Morin has announced her engagement to John E. Hewitt of the Formation Department. Miss Morin is employed in the PAA Department. No wedding date has been set.

Miss Blanche Allard has announced her engagement to Mr. John Livesey, Jr. of the Dry Formation Department. No wedding date has been set.

Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Bradford S. Palmer celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, April 23rd. In honor of the occasion Open House was held on Sunday, April 20th.

Mrs. Palmer, a former employee, was with us during the war in the Gas Mask Department at the Brown Street Plant. Mr. Palmer, ("Brad") is employed at the Marshall Street Plant as an elevator operator. Their daughter, Mrs. Mary Mathews is employed in the Personnel Office; and their other daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Diamond was formerly employed in the Sales Office.



Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Palmer

With seven grandchildren and one great grandchild added to their family tree, "Brad" and the "Missus" are pretty proud of themselves.

The high esteem held for this swell couple was exemplified in the gifts (which included a purse of money), flowers and the messages of congratulation and best wishes from their many friends throughout the city.

Began Career With Sprague

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pany (formerly the Edison and Sprague interests) and the Thompson Houston Company.

Mr. Wilson has served in practically every phase of the business and in many capacities. He became the executive vice-president in December 1939 succeeding Gerard Swope as the President of General Electric.

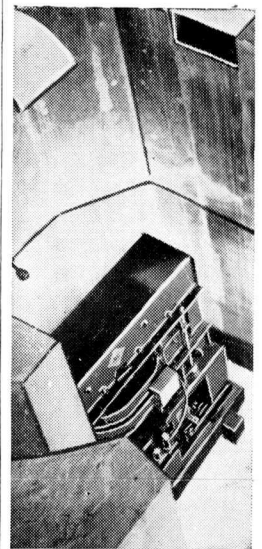
The General Electric has 97 factories in 74 cities, so Mr. Wilson's responsibilities have grown in the past 47 years.

In The Habit . . .

Frank Morandi is making a habit of winning suggestion awards. Recently, he won a \$20. award for the suggestion he submitted. This makes the fifth award to him in five years. "An award a year," says Frank, "seems to be my present goal."

Frank is employed in the Can Shop. His first job was in this Department back in 1930, and with a few exceptions, he has been in this Department almost continuously. Congratulations, Frank, on this fine record and on your numerous awards.

The betatron, one of the first tools of the atomic age, provides industry, science and medicine — particularly cancer research — with the world's most powerful X-rays, ranging up to 100,000,000 electron volts.



In the photo, dwarfed by the massive shielding walls surrounding it, is a 20,000,000-volt industrial unit, the rays of which can pierce 20 inches of steel in 20 minutes.

Do You Know The Meaning Of These Words

In the last issue of the Log we published words from A to F inclusive. Here are a few more to test out your knowledge of Sprague Electric.

G	K
Gamma Ray	Kilogram
Gap	Kilowatt
Gas	KVA
Generator	
Grid	L
	Laboratory
H	Lamp
Heat	Light
	Lighting
I	Lightning
Illumination	Log
Incandescent	Loop
Incendary	Loran
Induction	
Insulate	M
Insulation	Magnet
Intensity	Maintenance
Invention	Magnetism
Irradiation	Marshall

Matchsticks	R
Meter	Radar
Metre	Radiation
Metric	Radio
Mica	"RC"
Midget	Research
Molecular	Resistor
Molecule	Rheostat
Motor	Ril
	Ripple
	Roller
	Rolling
N	
Negative	
Network	S
Non-Conductor	Sample
	Science
	Scientific
O	Set
Ohm	Signal
Oxygen	Solenoid
Ozone	Solderer
	Sonic
P	Paper Condensers
Pilot	Spark
Pioneer	Sprague
Plastic	Static
Plant	Supersonic
Plate	Switch
Pole	Synthetic
Positive	
Power	T
Power-Factor-	Technician
Control	Technology
Production	Telegraphy
	Television
Q	Temperature
Quartz	Test
Q, Vitamin	Terminals

MARSHALL MUSIC

Stockroom

By Fay Russell

Receiving and Incoming Inspection

Welcome to Eddie Walton and Renald Devine who have joined our group. Renald and Tom Martin are doing quite well together.

Eddie Sharron was presented a beautiful bridge lamp and Francis Gannon a lovely blue and white hassock from the Stock and Inspection Dept's. Eddie managed to say a few words of thanks but poor "Fran", his tongue became twisted so fast it was easier to say "thanks" only. Wasn't it, Fran? Both boys were married April 12. Congratulations and the very best of luck are extended to both of you.

Since our co-worker Don Viens was sent to Beaver Street, his pal Sterling Sprague has been lonesome. Also the girls miss that ballet dance accompanied by your morning greeting.

What are you up to John? I understand you bought all of your neighbor's pigeons. Don't you want any competition from this section of the state?

It is too bad there are only three girls to try to keep our "Little Major, Leo" happy. Do you miss all of your female admirers at the Beaver, Leo?

It seems as though Viola Spagnola just can't find a chair that is strong enough to hold her up. Now she has another one that sounds like an old hammock on a very dark night. Do you need a donation of 3-in-1 oil, Vi?

Congratulations to Fred Harvey who is very proud of his 10 pound baby boy, young Raymond.

Do you have a set of rubber bumpers to donate to Bob Boyer? From all appearances, his car is badly in need of them. Couldn't have been your fault, could it, Bob?

Just in case you should meet George Roy early in the morning, and he doesn't see you, just blame it on George Roy, Jr. Working two shifts is hard work, isn't it, George?

Shipping Room

By Gold Dust Twins

Ernie Belleau, just what kind of cigarettes do you smoke lately? Why don't you try Raleigh's new 903. Psh-sh-sh-sh-sh. Then, the girls won't keep asking you: "Ernie, what's burning? ? ? What smells like that?"

If any one is interested in learning about fire extinguishers stop at the Marshall Street Shipping Room and ask for Edgar Delmaso. He will also give you the definition of Carbon Dioxide and Carbontetrachloride.

Phyllis Chartrand recently spent a day in Springfield.



Connie Elaine Daub, daughter of Marguerite, formerly of Industrial Oils, and of Harry of Marshall Street Formation.

THE SAFETY CREDO of Theodore F. Smith

Chairman, Board of Directors,
National Safety Council

"I believe in safety. Why? Because it contributes to the preservation of life. Because in the efforts to accomplish it, it brings about collective good will among people. Because it creates mental ease by helping to eliminate fear. Because in the individual study and application of

safety it makes one conscious of the welfare of his neighbor.

"And finally, because it is the human quality that results in the *successful culmination of a justifiable selfish motive*, that of longer life, better working conditions, better product and better profit, which benefit all."

"W.E." Stitches

By Erminia Sweeney

Dot Melillo sprained her wrist badly while doing her spring cleaning...not so hard on the broom, Dot!

We welcome Lottie Wotkowicz and Hetta Thompson to the Rolling Department.

Happy Birthday to "Hank" Armata and "Pooley" King. Rose Mellin brought a birthday cake to "Hank"—and he blew the candle right off the cake!

"Sliver" Lepine—what's that big attraction down State Road...could it be remodeling the "Knotty Pine?"

Celia Josefiak not only enjoyed herself at the Polish Ball recently, but from all accounts, looked very sweet.

Joe Lipa—what's this about your wife giving you your haircuts now!

That umbrella of your reporter's is out of this world—it always falls on her face when there is someone she doesn't want to see...Has she got it trained!

"Red" Garner came to visit us—he has a broken leg and several broken fingers. We're glad to see you, Red.

Retail Sales

By Little Iodine

Theresa Catrambone is sporting a pair of new shoes. You not only see them, but hear them when she goes down the aisle. I now call her 11:75.

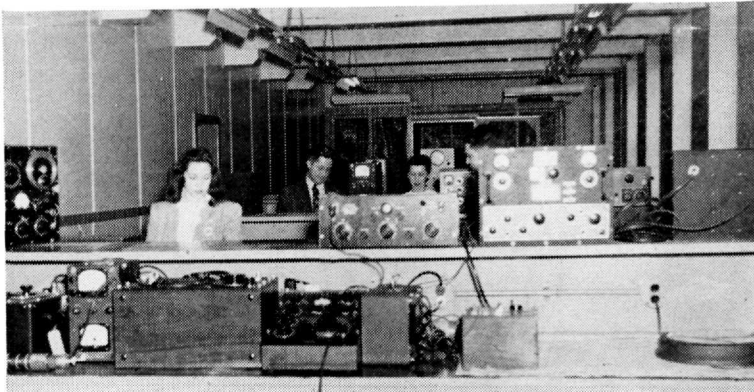
Sarah LaVersa wants an insurance policy that will take care of her after she's dead...Sarah, you expect an awful lot of a policy!

When, Al Horsfall, are you coming back to take more pictures...Do we miss you...But do be careful how you sneak up to take pictures or I'll tell Little Lulu on you...And what a write-up you'll get then! And don't forget, she's a great poet too (Am I giving Lulu ideas!)

"Sil" Marcil—was it necessary to put your initials on two push carts? You know Rita Zanett, Alice Malloy or Yours Truly wouldn't touch them—or would we?

The two most popular men at Marshall Street are in demand all the time: Calling Andy Girgenti...calling Andy Girgenti...Umbriago, bring your camera Flash, flash!

AT THE MARSHALL PLANT



Mary MacDonald, Dick Tyler, Madeline Januska and Volney Haswell are busy with special testing apparatus at the Marshall Street Laboratories.

Wax Pourers and Assemblers

By George Trombley

We're glad Lent is over as its ending was the only solution we had for Don Roy and his pipe. He is now back to cigarettes and the room is once again clear of the rubber-band smell.

Sure Signs of Spring:

—Edna O'Neil with a new haircut.
—Bill Sheldon singing the "Donkey Serenade."

—Reggie and Dolly walking hand in hand. (Love - or Spring?)

Theresa Beaudin pays no attention to clocks. She tells time by her stomach. However, her time piece needs adjusting, since it told her it was dinner time and it was only 10:30!

What's this about Gladys — wedding gown, permanent, manicure? Spring is sure taking its toll.

Glad to see Millie Rivers back after being nursemaid to her daughter.

Linda Cozzaglio's morale picked up wonderfully, since that new song hit came out: "Linda." It wasn't like her to flirt...Be careful, Jimmy.

Jo Collins and Molly Ryan did a good job decorating someone's car—

front seat now in the back—ribbons tied all over—pictures turned around. It did make a big change.

Miscellaneous Dries

By Eddie O'Neil

The Testers hope Richard will soon open the door so that "Flash" Racette will keep quiet.

Passersby were wondering why Celeste brought Lyle Mutart into the ladies' cloak room—but it was merely to show him where the Testers had hidden his famous tea wagon.

New Tribe Formed

Speaking of Lyle—he has formed a Testers' Tribe and appointed himself the Big Chief. The squaws are named:

—Big Squaw Giggle Water
—Squaw Sitting Bullet
—Squaw Minni Ha-Who
—Squaw Mush

If any unusual noise is heard in our Department, it is the Tester Tribe having a pow-wow.

We hope Mary Moore enjoyed her recent trip to Brooklyn.

We notice that Ralph Paddock lurks near the finishing table pretty often.

Maintenance

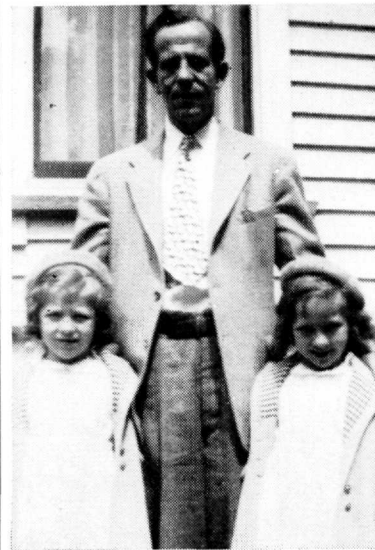
By Umbriago

On opening day for the fishing season last year, Buster Sherman of the Carpenter Gang lost out to his son in his own back yard. He declined to go out this year, but sent his son who came home with a nice string of fish... Why not let him teach you how its done, Buster?

Albert Messina of the Electrical Gang enjoyed fishing opening day. Al's catch was two beauties, 8½ inches long!

We extend deep sympathy to Miles Robson of the Millwright Gang in the recent death of his brother Henry a former employee at Sprague's.

Looking down the Carpenter Shop the other day, I saw a new cap coming toward me, and on closer inspection found Ben Russell under it...Seeing that this is the first new cap in six years, we are led to believe that the old one is floating around in Stamford all ALONE!



Ernie Belleau and his twin daughters -- Dorine Jane and Dorothy Ann. Ernie is employed in the Marshall Street Shipping Department.

Allan McLain was giving out cigars the other day. When asked why, he said that Dan Cupid had finally caught up with him. He was married April 16 to Blanche King, daughter of our Paul King of the Maintenance Department. The couple were attended by Elizabeth Baker and Hurley Phelps, both close friends of the bride. Best of luck folks, from All the Gang!

Note: Allan gave the first cigar to our "Great Lover and Pigeon Catcher", "Wash" Arthur Santelli, who too, will soon march down the aisle.

We're glad to extend a welcome to Ray Lussier of the Tin Shop who has returned from serving in Uncle Sam's Navy.

Births

Son—Mr. and Mrs. William Grogan have named their young son, born March 21, Bryant David. The proud father, Bill, is employed in the Beaver Shipping Department.

Son—Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Dale, of Santa Anna, California are the parents of a son born April 20th. Mrs. Dale will be remembered as Agnes Harrison, of the Engineering Specifications Department.

Daughter—Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Scerbo are the parents of a daughter born April 20th. Father is employed in the Etching Department.

Son—Mr. and Mrs. Edward LaBonte are the parents of a son born April 19th. The mother is Lucille, of the D.T.Q. Department.

Son—Mr. and Mrs. David Peck are the parents of a son born April 21st. The father is employed in the Marshall Street Laboratories.

Marriages



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pedrin, married November 30th, 1946. Mrs. Pedrin is the former Gloria Modena of Block Annex, and Charles is employed in Ovens Department.

Gannon - Boyer—Miss Lorraine Mary Boyer and Mr. Francis Ward Gannon were united in marriage April 12 at Notre Dame church. The groom is employed in the Stock Room, Marshall Street Plant.

Sharron - Watts — Miss Anne Cecelia Watts became the bride of Mr. Edmond L. Sharron on April 12 at St. Francis church. Ann is employed in the I. O. Rolling Department and Ed is employed in the Marshall Street Stockroom.

Marchio - Scrivens — April 12 was the date of the marriage of Miss Alice Lillian Scrivens to Mr. Alfred Philip Marchio at St. Francis church. Alfred is employed in the Paper Rolling Department.

Mulcahy - Battersby — The wedding of Miss Kathleen Teresa Battersby to Mr. Charles Francis Mulcahy occurred April 12 at St. Francis church. Both the bride and groom are employed in the Dry Rolling Department.

Charon - Mancine — Miss Jane Veronica Mancine became the bride of Mr. James Thomas Charon at St. Francis church on April 12. The bride is employed in the Brown Street Shipping Department.

Vallieres - Garceau — Miss Dorothy Garceau became the bride of Mr. Paul Vallieres on April 26. The ceremony was solemnized at St. Francis church. The bride is a member of the PAA Department.

Jolin - Smith — Miss Flora Smith became the bride of Mr. Alnum P. Jolin at St. Raphael's church on April 12. Flora is employed in the F. P. Dry Department.

Wilson - Jelly — Mrs. Grace Jelly became the bride of Mr. Otis Wilson on April 19. Grace is employed in the Paper Rolling Department, and Otis in Ovens.

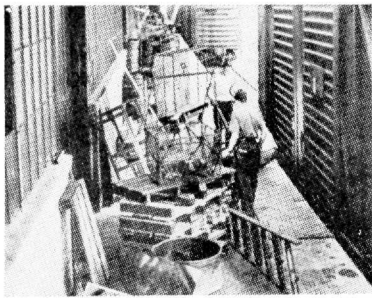
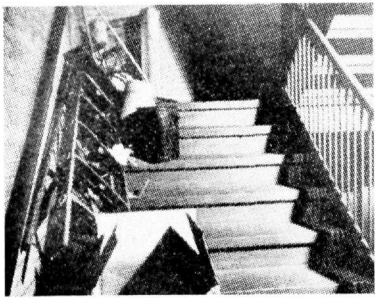
Schmidt - Mancuso. April 19 was the wedding date for Miss Frances Mancuso and Mr. Frank Schmidt. The wedding took place in St. Anthony's church. The bride is employed in the Resistor Department.

Como - Zona. Miss Mary Alberta Zona became the bride of Mr. Henry Edward Como in a double ring ceremony at St. Anthony's church, April 19. The bride is employed in the Main Office of the Beaver Plant.

Daughter—Mr. and Mrs. George Scarbo are the parents of a daughter born April 18, 1947. George is employed in the Machine Shop.

Daughter—Donna Maria is the young daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. William Cribari. The mother is the former Verna Lamore, employed in the Engineering Specification Department.

GOOD HOUSE-KEEPING FOR SAFETY . . .



Good house-keeping in your Department makes for Safe house-keeping throughout the plant. Untidy passageways, stairways, and halls are the cause of many accidents.

GIFTS TO HOLLAND APPRECIATED

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From Jeannette van Dam to Mary Mathews
Esteemed Madam:

Three times already we received goods from your committee which our headmaster allotted for us. I believe that much work is allied to it for you all. But you have much honor in your work, for we all are very thankful for it. Especially the special gifts were a great surprise. For instance, in my class there was a boy who did not possess an overcoat. Now, he received a good one. Different girls also wanted a new dress, but could not buy one because they had no points. It is not only the goods, that make us glad, but also the idea that there are still people in the world who sympathize with our poverty. I cannot express me very well, but I hope you will understand. Don't look at my mistakes, please, I think they are very numerous for I don't shine in English. However, I like it much and would like to correspond with a boy or girl from North Adams. I am a girl of 17 years and live in a little village, Lienden where my father has a farm. Still a time, many thanks for you and whole North Adams for the good work you do for Holland.

To Marie-Rose Lussier Who Corresponds With Leny van Rotterdam

Dear Marie-Rose:

This morning I received your kind letter and fine pictures and saw that Mass. is a beautiful state. I would like to see it and wanted that I could come over to America. I read that North Adams is surrounded by mountains. I can not imagine that, for the landscape in Holland is very flat and I have never seen mountains. You wrote that Holland seemed like a dreamland, but we always say that America is the "promised land", for you can get there, all—without coupons. And you can buy there nylon stockings and plastic raincoats.

We live in a small village, it has a population of about 1500 people. It is situated on the river Rhine and at the back is a wood. There are no dancing and movies, only one school and 2 churches. It is called Elst.

Marie Rose, I read that you are intended to send me something. But I know that all is very expensive in America and you have to work hard. When it is difficult for you to send me something, you must not do it.

Last week, we had in our class a big box of clothes from America. Our headmaster made numbers. If you had a low number you could come and make a choice. I had a high number. We had a lot of fun and were sniffing like dogs through the clothes. I got a blouse and skirt and a pair of socks for my little sister.

My father earns 40 guilders a week. That is not so much because all things are very dear. A coat costs 20 guilders, a pair of shoes, 15. I shall also be glad when I can earn money.

Now I will close and say good luck to you and yours,

Your Dutch Girl Friend.

From Suus Smit

Dear Unknown Friend:

Well, I write unknown, but of course you are well known here in Rhenen. I go to the Higher Grade School. I have heard and received so much from you that we are very thankful that you care for us.

Rhenen is a little town with 10,000 inhabitants. It lies north of the river, the Ryn. The neighborhood is very beautiful. We have woods, meadows, fields. Last winter we skated much. I like skating, but now it lasted so long I was tired of it.

I like music and listen with attention to your countryman, the singer, Deana Durbin. We live in the middle of our town in a rather big house. It was very destroyed for the second time. In 1940 it burned down when we must fly because the Germans were fighting with our soldiers; the second time in 1944 when the air-born division landed in Arnhem and we must fly again and were 8 months from home. When the emancipation came and we went back home, all our clothes and furniture were stolen by the Germans and our house was uninhabitable. But my father is a carpenter and has many trades and professions. He is, as I said a carpenter, a broker, an insurer, a fireman, and we have also an iron warehouse. I hear that you laugh and that you think (that I can't hear!) "Jack of all trades and master of none." But still, now, we have not experienced the last.

Now that I told you something about us, I hope that I hear soon something from American. Many Salutes, from One of your Dutch Friends.

Hans Writes

Dear Madam:

At first I want to thank you and the employees of the Sprague Electric Company of North Adams for the many beautiful gifts we received from you. I was very happy with the useful objects I got, and at the sight of all these things I thought of the Americans who helped us and still do so.

You cannot believe how thankful we Dutchmen are. And therefore it is that I write you this letter. For it were the Americans who delivered us of the suppression of the Germans and now they help us with our deficit of clothes and many other things. Now can you understand that I am very desiring to know more of America and his people.

Beaver News

F. P. Assembly

By Emma Massaconi

Viola Savage tells us she enjoyed her trip to Florida and she certainly looks well!

A hearty welcome to Addie Foster and Marion Andrews to our Department.

We miss you, Donald Gagne—and here's wishing you a lot of luck in your new job.

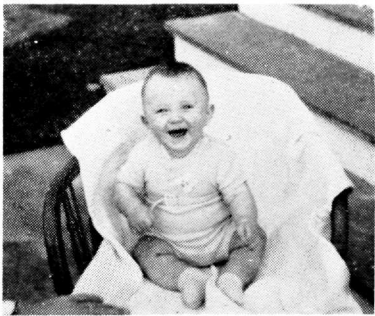
Margaret O'Neil—don't let your zipper run away with you!

Block Test and Tubulars

By Gertrude Hall

Here's a Guessing Game to tell "Who's Who...and a few clues to help you choose.

1. With a smile that would do justice to an Ipana ad.....
2. Tho' looking stern as grandpa's clock, for her friends, she'll do a lot.....
3. Mrs. Milquetoast would fit her fine — she's as mild as a spring breeze.....
4. A quiet, busy little Miss, she makes a meter hiss.....



Larry Raymond is the laughing young man pictured here. He is the nephew of Rae St. Pierre of Dry Rolling.

5. Title for our "Best Dressed Woman" belongs to.....
6. Long golden tresses she possesses; for her man to please, she won't cut these.....
7. Snowy hair and shapely legs belong to.....
8. A cool tomato, half pint size is.....
9. "I'll see my lawyer" is her favorite crack. No one but..... ever says that!
10. "Guess what my girl friend said last night" is.....'s greeting bright.

11. A voice as sweet as Kate Smith —(I know you've guessed this little miss.....)
12. If he'd say "Good Morning", we'd fall from our seats.....

13. In a short time, wedding bells for her will chime.....
14. Collecting doo-dads is her fad.....

15. Her pretty feather curls are the envy of all the girls.....
16. For this obliging little miss, anything to do with a book is in her nook.....

17. Her boy is traveling very far.....
18. She wears Eve Carver's all the time.....

19. A fat little pumpkin holds the key to her heart.....
20. Will be glad when she's able to put out her furnace.....

21. Her husband's a plumber—they have a new home.....
22. Larry Tibbetts, he tries to imitate, tho' Harpo Marx is more his bait.....

23. Mutt and Jeff, they call each other.....
24. A traffic cop is her brother.....

25. She's quiet, and you'd never guess the extent of her thoughtfulness.....
26. Wearing a black gown most of the time, she reminds you of your mother and mine.....

- Happy birthday to Ann Malloy, Jeannette Rondeau and Yours Truly. We each thank the "Birthday Club" for a pretty cake and lovely gifts.

- Ruth Arrighini playing with dolls! ! The short of it is that her new niece turned out to be a nephew, so she kept the doll herself.

- Deep sympathy to Clara Bishop on the death of her sister.

- We extend sympathy to Elizabeth Kenney on the death of her aunt.

- Glad to have Betty Fleury back after her illness, and we wish a speedy recovery for Bernie Gagnon.

Answers To Block Test

"Who's Who"

1. Josie Mastalisz
2. Betty Hunt
3. Mary Zito
4. Bertha Jennings
5. Ruth Arrighini
6. Jeannette
7. Annis O'Neil
8. Helen Harrington
9. Maude Waska
10. George Parker
11. Adele Solari
12. "Cassie" Gliwski
13. Edna Lavarriere
14. Bernie Gagnon
15. Stephanie Szurek
16. Ruth Gaudette
17. Elizabeth Kenney
18. Betty Fleury
19. Charlotte O'Brien
20. Kay Marra
21. Francis Solari
22. Pat Mazzu
23. Ernie and Ann Malloy
24. Matilda Carter
25. Nellie Jepson
26. Agnes Perry



Rough and ready riders are "cow-boy" Bernard Roger Lewitt and "cowgirl" Pauline Pellerin, son and niece of "Red" and Mabel Lewitt of Dry Rolling.

F. P. Ovens

By Us All

Ken Davis' little "Patty" and Austin Rogge's little Joey are doing fine, but the fond papas look a bit short of sleep. Maybe "Red" Roy would like to borrow Austin's rocking chair.

Sally Williams has chosen June 7th as her Big Day.

If in need of a professional painter, call Josephine Balardini...her whole house is being done — and by her own "nice bitty" hands! And green and peach make a beautiful combination!

Esther Volpi attended her Bowling League banquet at the Cheshire Inn last Tuesday. She said the turkey was perfect. Her team won third prize.

If you have any wall paper pulling jobs, don't call on Beatrice Shepard. Wallpaper poisoning is a nuisance, she claims.

What Would We Do If:

"Red" Roy—didn't think every morning was lovely.

Austin Rogge—didn't say: Be right, will ya!

Ken Davis—lost his screw driver.

Clovis Lambert—could get an effective cough remedy.

Fred King—Said "Watch it, please!"

Loretta Milisiewski—didn't like her Friday afternoon spaghetti.

Sally Williams—really did tell Ernie.

Beatrice Shepard—had her own matches.

Virginia Thompson—stuck to her make-up.

Josie Balardini—could win an argument.

Centrifuge

By Walter O'Dell

Members of our Department:

John Sullivan and George Beverly — went fishing opening day...Nothing was said about the "one that got away" ...but you can bet there's going to be some tall stories around here.

What would Ernest Foote do if there was nothing he could use for drum sticks.

Harry Embry—"Gee, I wish they would make aprons that would fit me!" ...Try standing on a piece of paper, Harry.

Harvey Vallieres—is always buying a car, every three months...What's next, Harvey, a new one?

Norman Monette—Always has a new joke to play on the fellows.

Raymond LaFrance—Needs another pair of work pants...Yes, it was pretty hard sitting on the wire and nails that were in the seat of them.

George Belanger—Always in a hurry to go home.

Paul Bergeron—"Gee, I wish I could play rummy."

Lawrence Weld—he takes the temperature of the "soup" and started the spring fashions off with a bang by wearing two different kinds of shoes.

Robert Andrews—is requested to take the marbles out of his mouth when addressing the Centrifuge fellows.

Oliver O'Dell—the fellow with the "camouflage" hair, should try Duz... and Duz does everything!

And, well, we'll try to keep this column interesting!

BACK FROM SCHOOL



Dennis Pedrin returns from a hard day at school. The son of Julie of Block Annex and Rita of P.A.A.

Block Annex

By Esther Driscoll

A shower was held at the home of Clara Bourdon in honor of Alice Allard who is to be married to Jack Kawa of Adams. Games were played and prizes were won by Sue Higgins, Doris Charon and Alice Allard. A delicious lunch was served and a swell time had by all.

Sue Higgins gave us a big surprise when she appeared wearing a beautiful diamond. Yes, the big day is not too far off when she and Eugene Labelle of Adams will middle-aisle it.

Raymond Blair is enjoying his vacation. (Guess this beautiful spring weather got into his blood and he thought he'd better enjoy it.)

We all wish Frank Major success on his new job as foreman of the B.T.A., but we miss his cheerfulness and even disposition!

We're happy to have our little fun-maker back again — Corrine Button.

Jimmy Dean and Inis Tatro will become "Mr. and Mrs." on May 17th. We wish them the best of luck.

Formation Dept.

By E. Bogus and G. Senecal

The Flower Club

The Formation Department has a club, called the Flower Club, of which it is very proud. It started in August of 1944 and has been functioning smoothly ever since. The dues of 25 cents per week from its members, cover any expenses incurred in the Department throughout the year, for such causes as the following:

Persons away from work for over 40 hours, due to sickness, are entitled to \$10. Sickness in the immediate family—\$5. Death in the immediate family \$10 for flowers or Mass cards.

\$5 to \$10 dollars are given to all plant collections.

As to date, the Club has paid out \$800 for sickness and deaths, and has a good-sized balance on hand.

The members (over fifty at present) enjoyed an outing at Sunnyside last year from funds of the Club. Officers are: Arthur Hewitt, Secretary; Ellsworth Griffin, Treasurer. At present, the Club is without a president, but at the next meeting an election will be held to determine the president. The Club holds a meeting once every three months to discuss various matters and changes in the by-laws.

The Flower Club has proven to be a great help to this Department.

Patenaude, better take it easy on the crackers and milk. It's been fifty years since you were a baby.

Pat Bemis has a new name, "Curly" ... That's some hair-do, Pat.

We understand that Alfred Hinkell and "Sonny" Williams are going to take those fatal steps to the altar... Good luck, Boys, you'll probably need it!

The boss is glad that the basketball season is over, now he will know which shift (Scoop from the Snoop) Pinsonault at Marshall Street is working on.

Luck that "Bish" Goyette has a new motor boat. It looks like bigger and better fishing is in the offing for him.

B. T. A.

By Ruth Haskins

A warm welcome to our new foreman, Frank Major, and also to Julius Kovalski, Carolyn Bixby, Dorothy Whipple, Stella Wright, Anna Deeb and Ella Trumble, who have joined us.

We all miss Helen Abbott who has left to make her home in New Jersey.

A son was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ames. Mother is the former Gloria Urbano of this Department.

Frank James went fishing on opening day and despite poor conditions, had fish for supper.

(Editorial Note: Did you get that one weighed for the contest, Frank?)

Boxing

By S. Wilk and C. Urbano

Best of luck is wished William Robert who walked down the aisle on Easter Monday.

Norma Cardinal was recently tendered a bridal shower at her home. Many of her co-workers attended and enjoyed the games and refreshments. Norma was presented a purse of money.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Benoit upon the birth of their son. The mother is Mabel, of our wrapping section.

Warning to Bubble-gum chewers: Don't blow too big bubbles—just see what happened to "Red" Johanson.

Recent "Belles of the Ball": Irene Simonelli at the Cheshire hall and Felicia Skowronski at the Polish hall.

Farewell to Sally Rollman, we shall miss you.

We hear Ernie Fortini is having quite a time raising rabbits—by the way, Ernie—have they got as far as their multiplication table?



Alice Allard will come out from behind those dark glasses on May 3rd when she will marry John Kawa of Adams. Alice is employed in Block Annex.

Ovens

By Dukie Abraham

This is to remind "Brownie" Lussier that spring is here and he can now shed his sweater.

Be careful, Jane Martin, when you go to the mountain, someone might mistake you for a deer.

Vacations have started in our Department— and Stacia Mentz spent hers in New York City.

We were surprised on coming to work to find that Rose Pasotti had punched in at 5:30! There must be a good reason—but Rose won't tell.

Seems Dom Blasi is unusually quiet now with Harriet gone.

Margaret Pedercini shed her cotton stockings for Nylons—and we know spring is here.

Radio Briefs For Women

To the "landlubber," the ringing of the bell buoy, or the warning of a tug whistle has long been associated with safety at sea. But equally important to seamen is sound directed toward the sea bottom by an instrument sending out inaudible sound waves. These are reflected by the ocean bottom, and returned to an instrument which measures the depth by the time required for the echo. The heart of this instrument is a tiny electric motor to provide operating power. Through its dependable energy, seamen are warned of reefs, shoals, or can locate schools of fish.



Stephen Scott Iacussa, 6-months-old grandson of Albert Hlamer of the Model Room, Marshall Street.

Main Office Memos

by "Whodunit"

Mary Zona was the guest of honor at a shower party held March 27 at the Williams Inn. Delicious steak and turkey dinners were enjoyed by all. Mary was presented a table model radio by her co-workers.

The switchboard operators are really having a tough time. The most recent one to lose her voice was Lil Clermont.

P.S.—She got it back again!

Upper Offices

By "Do" Roy

Surprise Party

A surprise party held at the Elwal Pines in honor of Lois Paradise and Millie Satko went over with a bang!

Just about everyone and their brother were present to offer best wishes to the guests of honor who take their marital vows in May. With this preliminary, I'll do my best to cover the event from the "hello-to-the-good-bye" angle.

Arriving on the early side, five of us in 1896 Forgea's car dropped in at the Millie House to "while away the time" (is that what they call it now?) Anyhow, time passed, and almost everyone was present when we made our entree at the Pines. "Ly" Fitzpatrick was hustlin' and bustlin' around, seeing that everyone had what they wanted. Then we went to our tables, where Lois nearly collapsed at being so entirely surprised... and I mean surprised!

After the dinner, enjoyed by everyone, came the toasts given to Millie by Jane Douglas who at one time, was one of us, and—Yours Truly shook to the limit, dedicating a toast to Lois. Presentation of the gifts came later. Millie received a set of silver salt and pepper shakers, a pair of beautifully framed pictures, and silver candlestick holders; "Lo" received a two-place setting of sterling and a pair of silk p.j's.

Finally, when everyone had moved their belts to the last notch, we adjourned to the living room where Jane Windowver did her share by singing—and did a swell job... Well, that just about covers it... but before bringing this so-called essay to a close, I'd like to pin a rose on "Ly" Fitzpatrick for making the party a terrific success... and good luck to Millie and Lois!

Dry Rolling

By "Shorty" and Ruth

No telephone booth being available, Bob Delisle had quite an audience when he called up Doris the other day... Why the ear-to-ear grin, Bob?

Lorraine Richards is back, after a sojourn in the office the past few weeks.

The gang wish you the best of luck, Bob Delisle, in your new undertaking. He and Sam Wood are leaving to study drafting. So long, fellows, it was nice working with you.

What happened to Gladys Costello with one black and one brown shoe!

Happy Birthday to "Carm" Tassone, and to Roland Boushey, the "Admiral of the Stitches."



Industrial Oil Rolling

By Betty Jangrow

Does "Cass" Strzepek think he's losing weight? We've seen him on the scales several times of late.

No men missing from our Department on the morning of the 15th. Evidently fishing didn't lure them from their work... but having a fisherman in my family, I found four nice trout waiting for me in the refrigerator when I arrived home.

Alice Beauchamp, Elizabeth Slatery, Alvina Bouchard and Bernie Fitzpatrick attended the Sharron-Watts wedding, and from all reports, they had a wonderful time, plus a beautiful day.

Al Giusti who is nice about keeping our supplies handy for rolling, has a new hobby—that of entertaining his little daughter.

P.A.A. Rolling

By Rita Siciliano

Now that Spring is Here:

Helen Cutler's efforts to make the stockroom spic and span have worked wonders... all you need now, Helen, is lace curtains... Even Jim Zabek is spring cleaning the machines. (If it were your reporter, Jim, I'd tie blue ribbons on them)... and Mr. Chenail and Mr. Bergeron polished off the Department's spring cleaning by "blue slipping" it!

Mabel Theriault is Hollywood-bound—she is going to take the lead in "Chuny Brown."

Stella Belanger's enthusiasm reaches no limits when Polkas are played... she insists on beating it out on the barrel.

Industrial Oil Stacking

By L. Lewis and L. Vinclette

Best wishes to Ann Watts Sharron... You made a beautiful bride, Ann.

What have the Rollers got that has to be fenced in?... Do they "want to be alone?"

Welcome back, Leonia Dufraine. That southern climate certainly agreed with you—you look swell!

We're glad to report that Ann Heath's better-half is convalescing nicely after an automobile accident.

We hope Adele Tattersall has a complete recovery from a severe illness.

We've been thinking seriously of writing a book on "The Love Affairs of Al Folino" but can't find anyone who can take shorthand fast enough to keep up with him.

The "Vitamin Girls" of our Department, Nellie Hall and Marie Barbuto, seem to be getting more than their share.

...and Your Reporters—We're bot wid co'ds in da head!

A rut is a grave with both ends kicked out.

If a man is right, he usually doesn't get mad about it.

Way Back When...



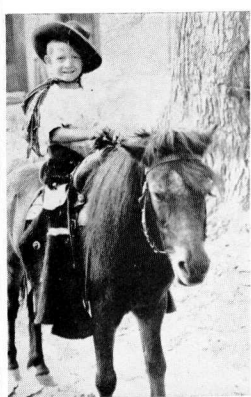
Several years ago, Bill Richard of P.A.A. Rolling looked like this...



He knows his "master's voice"... only it happens to be his mistress—Ruth Martin of a few years ago.



Lorraine Siros of Dry Rolling... Don't you like the pretty flower, Lorraine?



Ride 'em, cowboy... and Ernest Faustini of the Boxing, nightshift did just that... about ten years ago.

STUNNING DESIGN



This stunning design will look beautiful in a spring setting for your table. If you crochet, you will find this is an interesting pattern to make. Call for directions at the Dispensary, Beaver Street.

Brown Street News

Continued

Maintenance

By Little Lulu

Next time you haven't bus fare to take your girl friend home, Tony Woloski, let me know and I'll give it to you. . . It's a long walk to Greylock and back.

"Doc" Plumb claims he didn't go fishing on April 15th, but when he didn't report for work, the wrecking crew said it looked "fishy."

Welcome back, Al Cardinal. . . Maybe now, we can get rid of Hot Shot Bohl for once and all.

John Rossi actually smiled the other day — or were you in pain, John?

The Brown Street Horseshoe Team are getting ready for the season. The boys were seen polishing up their shoes — and it won't be long now, until they'll be spending their noon hours tossing ringers. . . all winter, they were kept busy at their favorite BS. Indoor Sport.

Resistors

Correction

The Editorial Office brought an item about Venice Folino too far up to date in the last issue. The item, as Della Keating had written it said: Venice Folino is sporting a lovely diamond these days. Ora Trombley is the happy future mother-in-law. . . Excuse our haste, please.

I. O. Final Assembly

By Fern Wright

Welcome to our Department, Malvina Brosseau.

Best wishes to Mrs. Jean Mancine Charon of Shipping, and her husband James, married April 12th. The couple spent their honeymoon in New York and Washington, D. C.

We wish a speedy recovery to Vivian Shaw who recently underwent a foot operation.

We Wonder:

Will Ken Russell take advantage of these lovely days to go fishing. . .

—Has "Tony" Fulginiti (our serviceman) been walking in his sleep, thinking some one is calling him. . .

—If its warm enough for Orrie Roy to take off his toque yet and for Mary Santelli to go without a sweater. . .

—If Roma King plans to see many baseball games this summer? . . .

—Has Georgiamae Joy enough gum to last through the day. . .

—If Harold Shore is giving out practical advice—on what have you? . . .

—If that's a natural flush on Warren Lucier's face—whether the girls talk to him or not.

AND—where Teddy Czerwinski gets those flashy looking socks?

Wire Coating

By Corena Tatro

News is news, but when we saw Al Peck with a new coverall suit, we *know* its news. He's been looking for something like that for a long time. Incidentally, ask him about the zipper.

We can almost bet that we know what Larry Welds is thinking. (Fishing, of course!)

Earle Washburn always was lucky. . . Now, we understand, he has won a new quilt.

Well, the fishing season is here, and I might even tag along with the fishing fans. . . but how can anyone like fishing!—worms and flies, and fish that sting. I know, for I picked up a bull-head to look at him. Guess he didn't like me, and he stung me. When I told my son that a fish bit me, he laughed and told me that fish don't bite—they sting.

This nice weather makes one sit up and take notice. . . It's housecleaning time. That it is something that we look forward to, not because we like to do it—but because we like to get it done!

SPORTS

Spring Sports In The Berkshires

Fishing -- So far, weather conditions are far from ideal. Few good catches were recorded on opening day with streams too high or too cold. Your reporter did have the pleasure of seeing a large Brownie taken from waters in New York State. This beauty was 25 inches long and weighed close to 5 lbs. A fish of that size would certainly make a bid for honors in the trout division of our Sprague Log Fishing Contest.

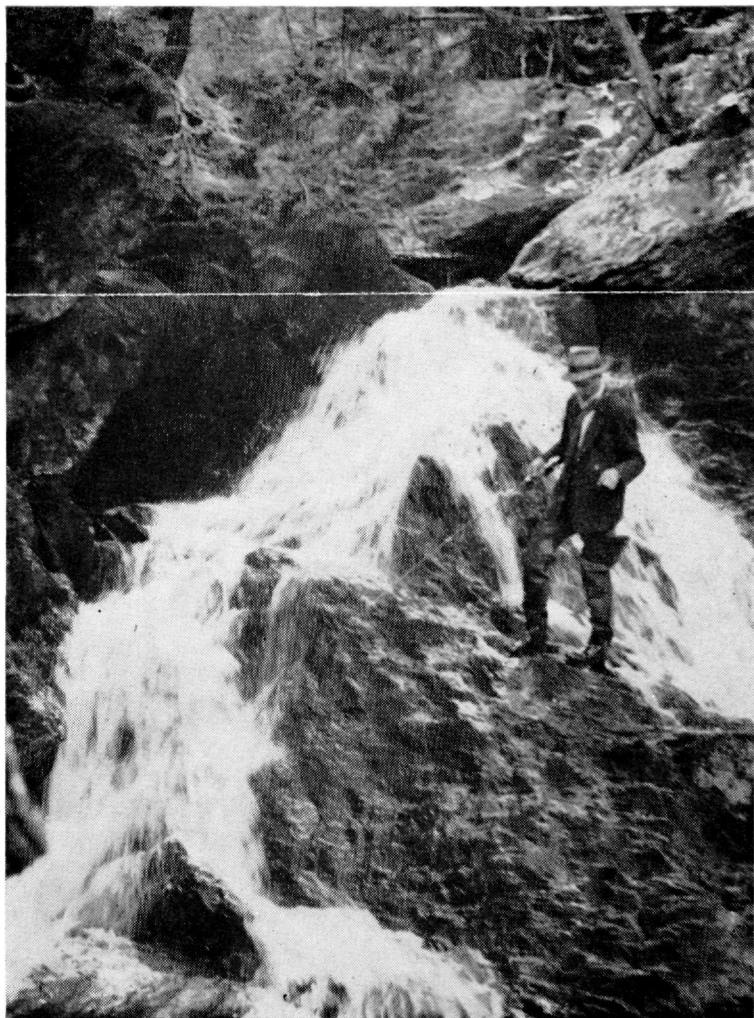
Softball -- Plans for organizing an Industrial Softball League are under way, with the first informal meeting held at the "Y" very encouraging. At this point, I should like to say that F. "Tank" Wilson, our Sprague Athletic Director is working extremely hard to formulate plans for sports activities that will cover everything of interest to the employees. He hopes to give every employee the opportunity of participating in his, or her, favorite sport. Now back to the Softball meeting: Five teams were represented and there is a possibility that this figure may be doubled. Al Giusti has again volunteered to get the "ball rolling" and it was only through his

tireless effort that the League was even started last year. If those fellows who enjoy playing the game in planned league competition would be present or have a representative on hand at these early sessions, the League would have an early start and would finish before the weather and season changes. "Don't let the other fellow take all the load"—*cooperate and operate smoothly!*

Another Softball League, known as the Northern Berkshire, we understand is being planned. The League will no doubt, be made up of the leading independent teams of the northern Berkshires. . . Good luck to both Leagues.

Baseball -- Clubs which participated in the Twilight League have issued the call for practice drills. Although a league has not been formed as yet, in all probability, the same teams will make up a league this season. Another league is also being formed taking in the entire Berkshires. This is something new and if successful, will add plenty of zip to baseball played in this section. We hope to give you more detail next issue. —K. Russell

PARADISE IN THE BERKSHIRES



. . . The dream of every Sprague fisherman -- to catch a big one. Photo submitted by Ken Russell.

Electricity Has Thousands Of Uses

Running through a blinding snow storm in the upper Great Lakes region, an ore-carrying ship newly equipped with radar averted what might have been a disastrous collision. The first mate on the ore freighter spotted on the radar screen, two other ships rapidly converging from opposite directions. Realizing the severe storm made it impossible for the ships' lookouts to see the imminent danger, the officer warned the two ships by radio, and directed them to a safe course.

Electricity has thousands of uses—but the following, we think is one of the most novel: Thinking that the old methods of conversion too slow for an enterprising missionary in 1883, he had his indian-language prayer-book equipped with a nickle-plated brass cover and electrical connections. Upon handing the book to a tribesman, a mild shock was sent through the superstitious heathen, who were immediately convinced of the super power of the white man's religion.

Bullett, Russell and Felix

FOUR BROTHERS ON BOWLING TEAMS



It isn't always that four brothers are interested in the same sport -- but here we have Bill Fortini of the Can Shop, Frank Fortini of the Drys, John Fortini of the A.C. Drys, and Donald Fortini of Sample Lab, Marshall Street -- all ardent bowlers.

The Recreation Program Belongs To All Sprague Employees--- Says Athletic Director

Athletic Advisory Committee Named

The recreation program belongs to each employee in the Company. It will progress with *your* cooperation. It is the ambition of this program to give to all the workers the games and sports they desire most. For that purpose, a Committee of six persons has been drawn up to meet once a month to discuss the wants in recreation. This Committee is to be known as the Athletic Advisory Committee and is composed of B. Bullett and G. Scarbo of the Beaver Street Plant, C. Sanecki and G. Roy from Marshall

Street, and P. Mancuso and K. Russell from Brown Street.

Let these people know what you would like along recreational lines. The only way this program can give you what you want is for you to tell us *what you like*. Remember, recreation is doing something for the sheer pleasure of doing it. It is healthful and can be fun. We cannot make you take recreation. . . all we can do is make it easier for you if you care to participate.

—F. "Tank" Wilson

How About Softball Leagues?

"Val" Pinsonnault of the Marshall Street Formation Department has put forth the suggestion that a Softball League be formed at Sprague's. "Val" feels that at least six teams could be formed from the three Plants, two teams representing each Plant. . . Let's hear your opinions.

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Boxing -- Ray Robinson, Worlds Welterweight Champion will meet George Abrams of Washington, D. C. in a ten round non-title bout at Madison Square Garden, May 16. This will be Robinson's first bout since he was suspended for a month last February for failing to report an alleged bribe offer. Abrams is listed as number five contender in the Middle Weight's class and may upset Ray before the tenth round.

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Racing -- The Kentucky Derby is expected to draw over 120,000 while thousands more will be listening to a description of it over the radio. 135 horses were nominated for this event — but not over 30 are expected to report at the post for the start. Cosmic Bomb will perhaps go to the post favorite and may threaten Whirlaway's mark of 2:0-1-2/5 for the ten furlongs.

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Skating -- Don't be surprised if you read that the North Adams Skating Club has joined with the Middle Atlantic Skating Association instead of the New England Skating Association. Pittsfield is joining the Middle Atlantic Association and the local club is expected to follow suit. Reason—shorter distance to skating meets and faster competition for skaters.

—Chas. Felix

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Editorial Note: Here's your answer, "Val" in Kenney's Softball Comments.

Alley Capers

Veteran bowler, John Tolmie came very close to breaking the high three string total of 345 that is held by "Rudy" Drobiak. With two strings rolled, totaling 252 pins, John fell down in the last string bowling only an 85. Never mind, John, you won the high individual average for the year.

Oddities in Sports

While the Red Sox were traveling north during the spring exhibition series, they stopped over in New Orleans to play one of the teams. A youngster who had set his heart on seeing Ted Williams in action, was taken ill and had to stay in bed during their stay. Upon hearing this incident, Ted visited the boy in his home and promised the lad that he would hit a home run that afternoon. The first time Williams came to bat he parked the first pitch high and far over the right field fence. This same oddity also happened quite a number of years ago, and with the "one and only" Babe Ruth who made good his promise to a small boy who lay sick in a nearby hospital. The present incident, however, with Williams, occurred this season.

An unusual incident occurred during the years when the foremen had a bowling team. Clarence Pratt was bowling Don Meiklejohn, now of Time Study, and he was in the last string compiling a record score of 404 that is still the *official Sprague record*. Fate was not so kind to Don. In one frame, he splattered 9 pins on the first ball with 1 pin separating him from a spare. The pin was resting on No. 7 in the extreme left hand corner. Don's second ball seemed perfect, but — it hit the outside of the pin which went down all right, but came up in an upright position where the No. 10 would ordinarily be. Fans will argue that once a pin is knocked down, it is dead — but so far as the writer knows, this case was never proven. —K. Russell